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information on the following: (1) A description of the Flak Kaserne,
(2) Military equipment on a freight train passing through Magdeburg-Neustadt,
(3) Troop trains and the depot at Koenigsborn, and (4) The Soviet tank re25X1
workshop at Kirchmoeser. A sketch of the Flak Kaserne is also included.

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Soviet activity at MAGDEBURG, KOENIGSBORN & KIRCHMOESER

(5 - 12 Aug 58)

MAGDEBURG

1. FLAK KASERNE (BS 5282)

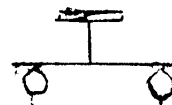
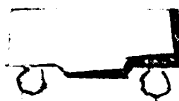
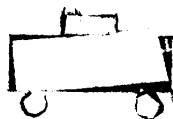
The Kaserne has the following buildings and outbuildings from west to east:

- (a) On the western perimeter, between the KLUSDAMM and THOMAS-MANN Strasse (now called GENERAL-FELMI Strasse):
 - (i) A repair or assembly hall, approximately 8 m. high, 50 m. long, with a 15 m. long wing, ground floor only.
 - (ii) A garage shed for 8 vehicles.
 - (iii) Four underground bunkers, each approximately 15 m. long. At each side of the bunkers is a fire engine.
- (b) Parallel with the KLUSDAMM:
 - (i) Main entrance and guard post.
 - (ii) Two solidly built accommodation blocks, ground floor only, approximately 30 m. long.
 - (iii) One accommodation block, 30 m. long, 2-storied, with attic windows.
 - (iv) Ten family houses, one-storied, for from 2-4 families.
 - (v) Two accommodation blocks, one and a half stories, each 50 m. long.
 - (vi) Two garage sheds, one approximately 70 m. long, the other 30 m. x 30 m.
 - (vii) One garage shed, approximately 200 m. long, along the east side of the previous barrack area.
- (c) Parallel to the General-Felmi Strasse:
 - (i) A watch tower in the northwest corner.
 - (ii) A garage shed with 48 doors, approximately 200 m. long. T.P.M.s are garaged here.
 - (iii) Accommodation and administrative block, 1½-storied.
 - (iv) A watch tower in the northeast corner of the old barrack area.
 - (v) A garage shed for vehicles or guns, approximately 70 m.

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- (d) In the middle of the barrack area, between the KLUSDAMM and General-Felmi Strasse:
- (i) A shooting range for small arms.
 - (ii) Target aiming practice ground with overhead targets for A.A. guns.
 - (iii) Accommodation block, 40 m. long, $1\frac{1}{2}$ -storied.
 - (iv) Six accommodation blocks, 130 m. long, $1\frac{1}{2}$ -storied.
 - (v) Three buildings for accommodation, recreation and clothing store, each 50 m. long, $1\frac{1}{2}$ -storied.
 - (vi) Three small buildings used as kitchens and medical centre, one-storied.
- (e) In the barrack area enlarged since 1945:
- (i) A separate enclosed area at MR 837778. The area has a separate entrance with watch tower and a garage shed, approximately 60 m. long, and three garage sheds, each approximately 20 m. long.
 - (ii) From MR 837776 to MR 840773 there is an enclosed area with watch towers and separate entrance. Guns and weapons are parked in the open in this area.
On 7 Sep 58, YA-14's and M-1954's as well as roughly 40 A.A. guns of 85 mm. and 100-120 mm. calibre and fire control trailers ~~and predictors were spaced~~ in this space.
2. The perimeter of the barracks is enclosed by brick wall or board fencing with barbed wire.
3. The A.A. guns of 100 or 120 mm. calibre are described as follows:
- (a) 2-axled, twin-tyred front and back.
 - (b) Barrels 3-4 m. beyond barrel rest.
 - (c) No muzzle brakes.
 - (d) Barrel strengthened behind barrel rest.
 - (e) The guns were canvas-covered but were much more compact and square-shaped than the 85 mm. A.A.
4. The fire control trailers ~~were predictors~~ were of the following shapes:

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5. There is a specially enclosed area at MR 845775 which is heavily guarded. It covers a space of roughly 600-800 m. x 600-800 m., protected by barbed wire fencing. At each corner is a permanently manned watch tower. The entrance is from the south, near which is the guard room, the only building in the area.
About 20 m. from the fence there is a square formed by posts driven into the ground at an angle and approximately 20 m. above ground. The posts are painted red and white and are mushroom-shaped at the tops. The area is flat and grass-covered.
6. On 7 Sep 58 the guard post checked a Russian air force officer before he entered this area. [redacted] 25X1
7. On 8 Sep 58 at 1100 hours a rail transport passed through MAGDEBURG-NEUSTADT from the direction of BERLIN, travelling towards MAGDEBURG Hauptbahnhof, with the following equipment.
- (a) 18 x 85 mm. A.A.
 - (b) 18 x TPM - YA-14.
 - (c) 15 x TPM - M-1954.
 - (d) 9 x ~~prediators~~.
 - (e) 3 x [redacted] with troops (black/red sbds.). 25X1
8. The same train was being off-loaded at MAGDEBURG Hauptbahnhof at 1230 hours on 8 Sep 58.
9. KOENIGSBORN
Russian troop transport trains leave KOENIGSBORN only for the Soviet Union. Troop transports are also off-loaded from the Soviet Union at KOENIGSBORN. The [redacted] are new or newly overhauled, with built-in beds and stoves. 25X1
10. The KOENIGSBORN depot is purely for rations. Troop transports are issued by this depot with all food requirements such as frozen meat, vegetables, bread, butter, peas, beans, sausages, fruit, cigarettes, etc.
KIRCHMOESER
11. The troops that arrived at the beginning of June 58 are still at the Russian Tank Repair Workshop at KIRCHMOESER. The troops brought a large quantity of baggage and some [redacted] were loaded with mattresses, beds, chests of drawers, tables and chairs. Some [redacted] were loaded with wooden planks only. 25X1
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12. The W/T trucks of the signals unit stationed at the tank repair workshops, when leaving the barracks, do not always go in the same direction. Sometimes they turn east, other times west down the road running parallel to the railway.
13. [redacted] steel plates that arrive from the north and pass through on the works branch line towards KIRCHMOESER railway station have in chalk on the sides "Laift unter Nr. des SONDERBAUBUROS". 25X1

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